

PROCLAMATION DRUG COURT MONTH MAY 2016

WHEREAS, for more than 27 years Drug Courts have served more than 1.4 million individuals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Drug Courts have been effectively engaging individuals in drug and alcohol treatment for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts significantly improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2016, **DRUG COURT MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State